

Census Order

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To the Honorable Lucy Koh,
US District Judge, Northern District of California,

Your Honor,

I have been employed by the Department of Commerce, Census Bureau as a traveling enumerator.

I have been principally engaged in travel to locations where the census has been unable to complete the NRFU (Non Response Follow Up).

After nearly a month traveling to various locations within California and Nevada, including extensions of the original time allotted for each location, I returned to Los Angeles immediately before your order to extend the Census through the end of October.

At that time I was asked to travel to other states to continue the critical work of an accurate and complete count of persons living in the United States. Within 12 hours of that request, I was informed that travel had been severely limited and I would not be involved in that continued effort.

What transpired thereafter is deeply troubling and has led me to the conclusion that the Bureau does not intend to act in good faith to follow your order(s) to continue the count. It is my opinion, based upon communications with colleagues and management in the Los Angeles Census offices, that upper management of the Bureau is intentionally curtailing work in order to "run out the clock" of your order.

This has been further reinforced by the continued efforts of the Executive branch to seek a halt of the count including their appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

As a result, I have filed a complaint with the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Having first hand experience of the challenges in counting households that have been reticent to comply with the requirement to answer the Census, I firmly believe that it will be impossible to accurately count as required under the U.S. Constitution.

This will result in irreparable harm to the intent of the U.S. Census, namely, to construct accurate data for Congressional representation and the allotment of federal funds.

That harm will be long lasting, given the 10 year mandate of the Census, and result in a misrepresentation of populations who will not be accurately counted.

In my experience, and in alignment with known models, that will disproportionately affect communities of color and immigrants. I have little doubt that that is the intent of the Executive branch.

I implore you to demand proof of the Bureau's count status and actions to comply, both in the letter and the spirit of your order.

Respectfully,

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